Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know from the member how many schools newly started during the year 1109 were given grants-in-aid ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: 9 schools in the year 1109.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether the member is aware that schools which were started as early as 1106 were not receiving grants-in-aid ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Yes, Sir.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: Then may I know what were the special circumstances under which schools newly started in 1109 were given grants-in-aid ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: I said 9 schools were given grants-in-aid in 1109. Some of them may have been started as early as 1106.

Small-pox hospital at Ayranimuttam.

92. * **Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai**: With regard to the working of the small-pox hospital at Ayranimuttam, will the Government be pleased to state the following :

(*a*) the total number of small-pox patients admitted or taken to the hospital during 1110 up-to-date;

(*b*) the nature of the arrangements made there (i) for medical inspection and aid ii) for looking after the patients and (iii) for feeding, clothing, &c., of the patients ;

(*c*) the number of patients sent out from the hospital completely cured ;

(*d*) the number of patients whose death occurred in the hospital ;

(*e*) the number of patients who escaped from the hospital after they were admitted ;

(*f*) the total expense incurred on account of this institution during 1110 up to date under the following heads (i) staff, (ii) dieting charges, (iii) medicine, (iv) bedding and clothing and (v) all other expenses ; and

(*g*) whether the Darbar Physician did inspect the institution during 1110, and, if so, whether a copy of his inspection notes will be placed on the table ?

Mr. James Simpson (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) 141 admittants up to 15-12-1110.

(*b*) (i) A Sub-Assistant Surgeon attached to the Fort Hospital visits the hospital daily and renders medical aid.

(ii) Three servants each will be on duty day and night to attend to the patients.

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[Mr. James Simpson.]

(iii) Suitable diet and clothing are supplied from the Forth Hospital.

(c) 94.

(d) 44.

(e) None.

(f) (i) Rs. 730-1-4.

(ii) Rs. 268-1-15.

(iii) Information is not available.

(iv) Rs. 125-20-9.

(v) Rs. 80-0-0.

(g) Yes; the notes of the annual inspection have not yet been received by Government.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I hear once more the answer with regard to part (g)?

Mr. James Simpson: The answer to part (g) is: 'Yes, the notes of the annual inspection have not yet been received by Government.'

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know what is the percentage of mortality in this institution?

Mr. James Simpson: Well, there have been, during the year, 141 cases of small-pox admitted in the hospital; and 44 deaths occurred.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether the Darbar Physician, when he inspected the institution during the current year, was satisfied with the working of the institution?

Mr. James Simpson: The Darbar Physician has previously suggested to Government that certain improvements are necessary and Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 9,500. This is a matter for the Chief Engineer to find funds for.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether the Darbar Physician thinks that at least throughout the epidemic season a separate doctor has to be appointed for this institution?

Mr. James Simpson: What exactly is the epidemic season is very difficult to determine. There is a kind of epidemic raging throughout the whole year.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the Iranimuttam Hospital is now treated as an isolation hospital for cholera and other epidemics.

Mr. James Simpson: After my coming to Trivandrum only small-pox has occurred and these patients are treated in that

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hospital. Cholera is prevalent only in sporadic form in Travancore. And I am not aware whether the hospital was treated as an isolation hospital for cholera, before I came here.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the Darbar Physician is aware that there are houses and shops situated very near the hospital?

Mr. James Simpson: During my last inspection, I found that most of the houses and shops came into existence only after the hospital was put up there.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether he has received any complaint from the people of the locality that the inpatients of this hospital came out during the night to the neighbouring houses for help in respect of food and clothing?

Mr. James Simpson: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know what action he has taken or proposed to take in this matter?

Mr. James Simpson: I have enquired into the matter and the complaint in most cases were found to be quite unfounded. Arrangements have been made that the servants of the hospital on duty should see that the inpatients do not go out of the hospital.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know from the member whether the compound of the Iranimuttam hospital is enclosed or not?

Mr. James Simpson: There is a railing or wire fencing enclosing the compound.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I inform the Darbar Physician, that at present on account of the absence of a proper wire fencing for the compound, it is being used as a public latrine?

Mr. James Simpson: I have not received any such complaint.

Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai (*Trivandrum*): May I know from the member whether he has any objection to hand it over to the Municipal Council?

Mr. James Simpson: That is a point which must be considered by Government. It has not yet come to the notice of Government.

Pay-wards in the General Hospital.

93. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Kunnatnad cum Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of pay wards in the General Hospital;

(*b*) the daily charge per ward;

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